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I. STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS: NO GUIDANCE NEEDED.

II. SWISS PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN SYSTEM FOR THE PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES: NO FURTHER GUIDANCE AVAILABLE AT
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THIS TIME.

III. CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES: ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS. FURTHER TO STATE 50555, WE HAVE EXAMINED DEFINITIONS OF MOVEMENTS, MANUEVERS AND EXERCISES, AND CAN CONCUR WITH IS DRAFT CONTAINED USNATO 1415.

IV. DRAFT CONVENTION TO REGISTER SPACE LAUNCHES AND SPACE OBJECTS: SEE SEPTTEL.

V. REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS IN BUDAPEST: YOU MAY DRAW UPON FOLLOWING INR ASSESSMENT IN POLADS DISCUSSION: DEMONSTRATIONS BY HUNGARIAN YOUTH WHICH OCCURRED ON MARCH 15 OBSERVANCE OF 1848 REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FRESH EVIDENCE OF EXISTENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW DLHI, BANERJI OF INDIA SUPPLY MISSION, HAS RETAINED NEW YORK LAW FIRM TO EXAMINE WHETHER U. S. SORGHUM EXPORTS CONTAINING JIMSON SEED VIOLATED FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT. EXAMINATION NOW UNDERWAY BUT OPINION NOT EXPECTED SOON. IMPORTANT POINT IN LEGAL CONSIDERATION MAY BE FACT THAT PURCHASE CONTRACT WAS PROVIDED BY INDIA SUPPLY MISSION AND DOES NOT MENTION LIMIT ON JIMSON SEED. BANERJI HAS ASKED USDA IF USG INTENDS SEEK LEGAL OPINION WHETHER U. S. LAW VIOLATED. USDA RESPONDED BY SAYING USDA DOES NOT AND DOUBTED WHETHER FDA WOULD.

3. USDA ATTEMPTED TO TRACE ORIGIN OF EARLIER SHIPMENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER JIMSON SEED MIGHT BE FROM ANY PARTICULAR PRODUCTION AREA. THIS NOT SUCCESSFUL. AT PRESENT, USDA BELIEVES BEST PROCEDURE IS TO ACQUIRE WEED SEED INSPECTION WITH EACH SHIPMENT. BANERJI, WITH HELP OF EXPORT FIRMS, HAS BEEN DOING THIS.

4. IT NOT CORRECT TO SAY USDA ATTEMPTING LOCATE WAREHOUSES FREE OF JIMSON SEED TO SUPPLY REMAINDER OF INDIA'S UNSHIPPED SORGHUM PURCHASES (NEW DELHI 3242). THIS IMPOSSIBLE TASK. HOWEVER, USDA IS CHECKING COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION (CCC) STOCKS TO MAKE SURE TITLE II SORGHUM SHIPMENTS ARE FREE FROM JIMSON SEED.

5. USDA HAS LEARNED POLAND HAS JIMSON SEED TOLERANCE OF 0.1 PERCENT. THIS WOULD TRANSLATE TO 35 TO 40 SEEDS PER 1,000 GRAMS .

6. BANERJI HAS MET WITH U. S. EXPORT FIRMS TO ATTEMPT SWITCH SOME SORGHUM PURCHASES TO WHEAT. THIS ONLY PARTLY SUCCESSFUL. TWO EXPORT FIRMS AGREED DELAY SORGHUM SHIPMENTS TO MID- MAY. BANERJI SUBSEQUENTLY HAS PURCHASED WHEAT TO REPLACE THESE SHIPMENTS. NEW WHEAT PURCHASES TOTAL ABOUT 50,000 TONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WILL BE COSTLY IF INDIA CANCELS UNSHIPED SORGHUM SHIPMENTS.
AS REPORTED FASTO 56, INSPECTION FILE SAMPLES COVERING RECENT
SORGHUM SHIPMENTS INDICATE THEY FREE FROM JIMSON SEED.

7. USDA AWARE THAT HARD RED SPRING WHEAT SHIPPED FROM GREAT
LAKES PORTS SOMETIMES CONTAINS ERGOT. PART OF 1971 SPRING WHEAT
CROP IN EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA INFECTED BY ERGOT DUE TO UNUSUAL
WEATHER PATTERN COUPLED WITH LOW ERGOT RESISTENCE OF NEW SPRING
WHEAT VARIETY. CROP IN WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA NOT
INFECTED. THEREFORE, WEST COAST SHIPMENTS FREE OF ERGOT.
WHEN CONSULTED, USDA HAS ATTEMPTED STEER ASIAN BUYERS AWAY
FROM GREAT LAKES SPRING WHEAT PURCHASES SINCE MOST ASIAN
FLOUR MILLERS UNABLE PROPERLY CLEAN ERGOT FROM WHEAT. ERGOT
NOT PROBLEM FOR EUROPEAN MILLERS BECAUSE ERGOT ENDEMIC IN
EUROPE AND MILLERS KNOW HOW TO CLEAN IT FROM WHEAT. ERGOT WAS
NOT PRESENT IN 1972 U. S. SPRING WHEAT CROP BUT THERE WERE
LARGE CARRYOVER STOCKS FROM 1971 INFECTED CROP.

8. ERGOT DETERMINATION IN U. S. WHEAT GRADING MADE AFTER DOCKAGE
REMOVAL. SOME ERGOT MAY BE REMOVED WHEN DOCKAGE REMOVED.
ERGOT PERCENTAGE MUST BE MORE THAN 0.34 PERCENT BEFORE INSPECTORS
GRADE WHEAT ERGOT FOR EXCEEDING LIMIT, WHICH FIXED AT 0.3
PERCENT. THIS DUE TO DETERMINATION BEING
MADE BASIS INCREMENTS OF 0.05. TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON
CLEANING ERGOT FROM WHEAT HAS BEEN FORWARDED AG ATT, NEW DELHI.

9. USDA GRAIN GRADING IS CONTINUOUS PROCESS WHILE GRAIN BEING
LOADED ABOARD SHIP (NEW DELHI 3242). COMPOSITE SAMPLES ARE
USED FOR GRADE DETERMINATION BUT THESE COMPRISED OF SAMPLES
CONSTANTLY BEING DRAWN DURING LOADING PROCESS. MUST BE A
SAMPLE FOR AT LEAST EVERY 40,000 BUSHELS (ABOUT 1,000 TONS).
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